

REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to correctly identify applications to which the present application claims priority.

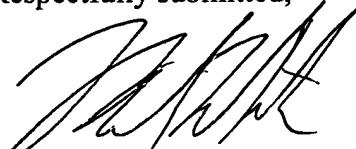
Claims 1-12 are canceled and new claims 13-40 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. Therefore, claims 13-40 are presented for the examination.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine and pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,



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